

ANNUAL PROGRAM for PROPOSED PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ACQUISTION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FY 2018



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June 26, 2017

Ms. Carrie Lhotsky Land Acquisition and Planning Department of Natural Resources 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Ms. Lhotsky:

Attached please find one (1) original copy of the Fiscal Year 2018 Program Open Space Annual Program for Somerset County, including:

Acquisition Project (1) Development Projects (5)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at (410) 651-4980.

Respectfully

Clint Sterling

Director

Somerset County Program Open Space Plan 2018

The following projects are detail proposals to improve the recreational facilities and meet the needs of Somerset County residents in the coming year. In determining these projects the following factors were considered:

- 1. Number of people impacted
- 2. Date of last POS project completed at the site
- 3. How the project benefits citizens in the outer lying areas of the county
- 4. How the project contributes to the overall fitness and opportunities for exercise of the citizens

Clarence Laird Softball Field Enhancements

This field currently has shown a large increase in use over the past 2-3 years with the creation of multi-season programs for: Men's Slow Pitch softball, Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball, Recreational Girls Softball and a couple of annual fundraising tournaments. The field is also used for Middle School and JV softball during the school year. The enhancements proposed for this facility are a new backstop/fence with safety covers, the inclusion of a scoreboard, and the grading/seeding of the outfield area.

Mt. Vernon Park Enhancements

This park serves the residents of Mt. Vernon and the surrounding areas. It has a pavilion and 2 playground areas. The plan is to add a small storage shed, enhance the pavilion, install 1 new piece of playground equipment and 2-3 pieces of workout equipment and improve upon the landing and surrounding areas of existing playground equipment by upgrading the surrounds and filling with a long lasting bedding.

Long Centralized Athletic Facility

This is the hub for Somerset Recreational activities hosting sports, picnics, family events, walking, playground and general fitness. The plan is to enhance the park by improving upon the surface of the ½ mile walking trail, adding 4-6 workout stations and a shaded area, and adding a multi-use surface for basketball, paddle sports and other games.

Raccoon Point Park

This is Somerset's only waterfront park. This small out of the way area hosts a number of picnickers, bird watchers, photographers and fisherman and is also a site for nature based education. Currently, it has a pavilion. The plan is to add a playground area, 2 permanent benches, a large grill and a fire ring. Additionally, some grading and addition of stone is needed in the parking area.

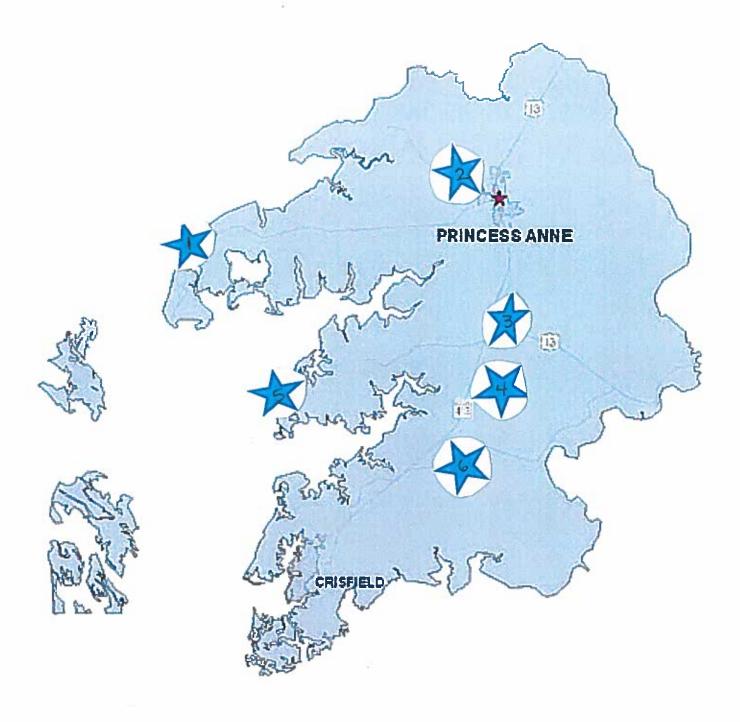
Marion Recreational Area

This park has 2 tennis courts and 4 basketball goals and is surrounded by fencing. The plan is to improve upon the tennis court area by either resurfacing or some other means to fill in the cracks and fissures that have built up over time. Additionally, the basketball area needs attention, repainting and possible resurfacing.

Long Family Inc. Property Acquisition

This 4.17 Acre parcel is adjacent to the county's main recreational facility and will allow for expansion and future development of the area. Additionally, the property will allow for increased visibility and access to the park because of its location on US RT 13. Future plans for the site call for additional multi-use fields, baseball/softball facilities, trail network and a large indoor facility. This additional area will be crucial to help us achieve these long term plans.

Somerset County is happy to present its annual plan for Program Open Space and considers the funding provided by this program to be essential in meeting our Recreational goals and providing safe and meaningful opportunities for our citizens and visitors.



2018 Program Open Space Local Plan Locations

- 1. Mt. Vernon Park
- 2. Clarence Laird Softball Field
- 3. Long Family Inc. Property Acquisition
- 4. Long Centralized Athletic Facility
- 5. Raccoon Point Park
- 6. Marion Recreational Area

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT FISCAL YEAR 20

Only	Federal				1								
Source of Funds for Annual Program Only	State (POS Local Funds)	18,000	76,500	18,000	000'6	31,500						:	
Funds for A	Local	2,000	8,500	2,000	1,000	3,500							
Source of	Total	20,000	85,000	20,000	10,000	35,000							
	Project	N/A	N/A	A/A	N/A	N/A							
Acreage	Ultimate	15.714	46.78	128.9	ιτί	5.4							
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Project Name, Project Description		Mt. Vernon Park Enhancements-Storage, Pavilion Upgrades, Playground Equip	Long Centralized Athletic Facility Upgrades Fitness Area, Pavilion, Multi-Surface	Raccoon Point Park Benches, Playground	Marion Recreational Area Upgrades Basketball Courts	Clarence Laird Softball Field Enhancements Backstops, Fencing, Scoreboard, Grading							
Sponsor		Somerset County	Somerset County	Somerset County	Somerset County	Somerset County						:	

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION FISCAL YEAR 2018

Only	Federal								:				
Source of Funds for Annual Program Only	State (POS Local Funds)	92,900		:									
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	Project	N/A											
Acreage	Ultimate	4.7											
	Existing	4.7	82										
Project Name, Project Description		Long Family Inc., Property Acquisition								υŭ			
Sponsor		Somerset County											;

APPENDIX E: Funding Authorization

June 26, 2017

Director, Program Open Space Department of Natural Resources Tawes Building E-4 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Somerset Annual Open Space Program

Dear Ms. Lhotsky

As the official designated by Somerset County for the purpose of dispensing the Program Open Space and Land and Water Conservation Fund apportionments for this political subdivision, I hereby certify that

Somerset County Department of Recreation and Parks
(Applicant)

may apply for the following funds on the above referenced project.

Amount
245,000.00
16,100.00
OTAL 261,100.00

Signature - County Liaison Officer

Gregory C. Sterling, Jr.